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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR VIETNAMESE

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO VICE FOREIGN MINISTER
NGUYEN CO THACH FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE THROUGH
SRV LIAISON OFFICE.

BEGIN MESSAGE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I AM ANTICIPATING VERY MUCH RENEWING THE DISCUSSIONS THAT
WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST ABOUT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES. I BELIEVE THAT OUR EXCHANGE LAST YEAR WAS
VERY VALUABLE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING WITH YOU AGAIN.

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I SUGGEST THAT WE MEET ON SEPTEMBER 22 AND THAT, AS LAST
YEAR, THE MEETING TAKE PLACE AT YOUR UN MISSION IN NEW YORK.
I PROPOSE THAT, AS IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS, FRENCH AND ENGLISH
BE THE LANGUAGE USED, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD BE AMENABLE TO THE
USE OF VIETNAMESE AND ENGLISH IF YOU PREFER.

IF OTHER DATES WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO YOU, WE ARE,

OF COURSE, WILLING TO CONSIDER WHATEVER YOU WISH TO PROPOSE. ONCE THE DATE AND PLACE ARE SET, OUR MISSION AT THE UN CAN SET THE SPECIFIC TIME FOR OUR MEETING.

LET ME STRESS AGAIN HOW MUCH I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO RESUMING OUR TALKS AND TO WORKING TO ESTABLISH OUR RELATIONS ON A MORE REGULAR AND NORMAL FOOTING.

BEST REGARDS, RICHARD HOLBROOKE. END MESSAGE.

2. PLEASE TELL DO THANH THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEETING BUT THAT, IF ASKED, WE WILL CONFIRM THAT A MEETING AT THE UNGA WILL TAKE PLACE, BUT WITHOUT SPECIFYING THE DATE. WE WILL DISCUSS FURTHER DETAILS OF PRESS HANDLING WITH SRV MISSION TO UN. CHRISTOPHER

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